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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W

- 1. RESPONSE TO REF C REQUEST FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION BEING SENT SEPTEL.
- 2. RE PARA. 2, DIALLO'S EXPENSES WILL, OF COURSE, BE
 KEPT TO MINIMUM POSSIBLE. UNFORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, DIALLO
 CONDITION REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION IN BETHESDA AT DOLS 159
 A DAY. BETHESDA IS FIRST CLASS HOSPITAL AND RATE IS LESS
 THAN COMPARABLE CIVILIAN FACILITY. THIS COST WILL HAVE TO
 BE BORN BY GOG OR MINISTER AS AGREED BY GOG (REF B). AS
 WE NOTED IN REF A THERE IS NO REPEAT NO POSSIBILITY OF
 ANY USG OR OTHER FUNDS TO DEFRAY DIALLO HOSPITAL EXPENSES.
 INDEED, WE ENCOUNTERED CONSIDERABLE BUREAUCRATIC OPPOSITION
 TO HIS ADMISSION TO BETHESDA. WE RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT
 INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE BETWEEN US AND
 SOVIET BLOC PRACTICE, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS
 NO ALTERNATIVE TO HOLDING GOG TO ITS AGREEMENT. IF THIS
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MATTER ARISES, YOU MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT GOG AGREED

TO THIS BEFORE DIALLO LEFT CONAKRY AND TO NOTE DIALLO'S HIGH OPINION OF US MEDICINE AND HIS STRONG PREFERENCE FOR BETHESDA OVER ALTERNATE FACILITIES. YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT HE IS INELIGIBLE FOR PER DIEM UNDER HIS GRANT WHILE HE IS HOSPITALIZED, AND THAT THESE FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO DEFRAY HIS HOSPITAL EXPENSES.

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